

Articles to be enquired

in the ordinary visitation of the most reverend father in GOD, the Lorde Cardinall Dooles grace Archebyschop of Canterbury wythin hys Dioces of Cantorbury.

In the yeare of our

Lorde God.

m. v. c. lvi

(21 for the Clergy, and 33 for the laity.)

Touching the clergy.



Item, whether þe devine service in the church at times, dayes, and houres, be observed, and kept duely or no.

Item, whether the parsons vicars and curates, do comly, and decently in theyr manners and doynges, behaue theym

selves or no.

Item, whether they do reverently and dwely minister the sacramentes and sacramentales or no.

Item, whether any of the parsoners doe bys without ministracion of the sacramentes, throughe

(Strype's Memor. Vol. III; p. 291.
See Collier's Eccl. Hist. Vol. II; p. 402.

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the negligence of theyr curates o: no.

Item, whether the sayde parsons, vicars, o: Curates, do haunt tauerne's o: ale houses, encreasinge thereby infamy and slander, o: no.

6 Item, whether they be diligent in teachynge the myddwyffes howe to chrysten chyldren in tyme of necessity, according to the Canons of the church o: no

7 Item, whether they see that the fonte be comlye kepte, and haue holly water alwayes ready for chyldren to be chrystened.

8 Item, if they do kepe a booke of all the names of them that be reconciled to the duty of the church.

9 Item, whether ther be any preestes that late unlawfully had womē vnderpretensed mariage, And hether to are not reconciled, and to declare theyr names and dwellyng places.

10 Item, whether they do diligently teache their parishoners the articles of the fayth, and the ten commaundementes.

11 Item, whether they doo decentlye obserue those thinges that do concerne the seruice of the Church and all thoose thynges thattende too a good and a Chyrtian lyfe, accordynge to the Canons of the Churche.

Item

See 5 articles in the 1st Canon

See more relating to charity. ibid.
Iye to them that fall sicke, with light, and with a little
sacrynge bell.

Item, whether the comen scoles be wel kept, and
that the scholymasters be diligent in teaching, and
be also catholyke, and me of good and bpryght iudge
met, and that they be examined and approued by the
ordinary.

Item, whether any do take bpō them to minister
the goodes of those that be dead without aucthoꝝy
tie from the ordinary.

Item, whether the poore people in euery paryshe
be charitably prouided foꝝ.

Item, whether there do burne a lampe, as a can-
del before the sacramente. And if there doe not that
then it be prouided foꝝ with expedition.

Item, whether infantes and childzen be brought
to be confyꝝmed in conuenient time.

Item, whether any do kepe oꝝ haue in theyꝝ custo
dy any heronious oꝝ vnlawful booke.

Item, whether any do withholde anye monye oꝝ
goodes bequeathed to the amendynge of the hyghe
wayes, oꝝ any other charitable dede.

Item, whether anye haue put awaye their wliues
oꝝ anye wyues to withdrau them selues from their
husbandes



husbands; beyng not lefully diuorced.

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Item, whether any do violate or breake the son-
dayes and holydayes, doying their daily labors and
exercises vpon the same.

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Item, whether the tauerneſ, or alehouſes, vpon
the Sondayes and hol-dayes in the time of Maſſe
Matens and Euenſonge, do kepe open their doores
and do receiue people into theyr houſes to dyncke
and eate, and therby neglect their duties in coming
to the church.

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Item, whether any haue or do depaue or contēn
the aucthoritie or iurisdiction of the Popes holynes
or the See of Rome.

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Item, whether any minſters, or any other perſons
do ble to ſyng any ſonges againſt the holy Sacra-
mentes, or any other the rytes and Ceremonies of
the church.

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Item, whether there be any hoſpitals within your pa-
riſhes, & whether the foundacions of them be duely
ſteadily obſerued & kept: And whether the charitable
contribucions of the ſame be done accordingly.

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Item, whether any goodes, plate, Jewels or poſſeſ-
ſions be taken away, or withholden from the ſayde
hoſpitals and by whome.

God ſaue the Kyng and Quene.

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